

Help Protect Our Rivers from Invasive Species!

Join us at a Project RED aquatic invasive species monitoring training
August 3 at The Nature Conservancy's Lulu Lake Preserve*

The Friends of the Mukwonago River will host a morning classroom training session and a fun and informative afternoon paddle to teach interested volunteers how to monitor for invasive species in rivers to help prevent their spread and the damage they can cause to our waters. Paddlers, fisherman, water quality monitors, waterfront property owners, and river enthusiasts are encouraged to attend.

The River Alliance of Wisconsin's Project RED (Riverine Early Detectors) is a monitoring program that trains citizens to identify and report 16 invasive plant and animal species potentially found in river corridors statewide. During the free training, the River Alliance will teach you to monitor your river by canoe, kayak, or on foot for the 16 species of concern. They will help you choose locations and a monitoring schedule that are convenient to volunteers. The River Alliance will also provide you with online data management tools available from the Wisconsin DNR that help you report your findings. The protocols are easy and fun. Use this activity to become more familiar with your river and to engage your friends and neighbors!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Mukwonago River, this training is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3rd from 9 – noon at The Nature Conservancy's Lulu Lake Preserve. A paddle on the Mukwonago River / Lulu Lake will be held from 1 – 4pm. Please RSVP!

To reserve your space, please contact Pamela Meyer with the Friends of the Mukwonago River at (262) 594-3119 or friendsofthemukwonagoriver@yahoo.com. Canoes, life jackets, paddles, and lunch will be available. A donation to cover food would be appreciated.

Please visit the Friends of the Mukwonago River online at mukwonagoriver.org. To learn more about invasive species in our river corridors and how you can help in the fight against invasive species, please visit the River Alliance's website: wisconsinrivers.org.

We look forward to seeing you at this fun and informative training!

* The Nature Conservancy's Lulu Lake Preserve is located at N9564 Nature Road south of Eagle and west of East Troy. The Preserve's driveway is on the east side of Nature Road (sometimes called Highway N) about 1 mile south of County Highway LO and 1.5 miles north of County Highway J.